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For the attention of Mr. Arthur I. Palmer, Jr.

Dear Sirs,

German Patent Application P 27 59 198.6.
Your reference: PM 764. Our File: 21469.

We refer to our letter of the 25th January and have now received advice from our German Associates regarding the position of claims 18 to 21 of the application as filed in the light of the prior publication in J. Org. Chem.

Our Associates advise that they can see no significant risk of any ~~breach~~ prejudice of your rights in this invention, whether arising from the published application or from a subsequently granted patent and do not believe there is any reason to delete these claims before publication of the Offenlegungschrift.

They accordingly propose to take no action and we are inclined to accept their advice completely and allow the application to be published in its present state. Claim 1 after all is already to be regarded as patentable.

Our debit note is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

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